

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2017

ST. BASIL THE GREAT & THE CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Third Tone

Let the Heavens rejoice; let earthly things be glad; for the Lord has wrought might with His arm, He has trampled upon death by death. The first-born of the dead has He become. From the belly of Hades has He delivered us, and has granted great mercy to the world.

Apolytikion for Circumcision of Jesus Christ in the First Tone

Our human form have You taken on Yourself without change, O greatly-compassionate Master, though being God by nature; fulfilling the Law, You willingly receive circumcision in the flesh, that You might end the shadow and roll away the veil of our sinful passions. Glory be to Your goodness unto us. Glory be to Your compassion. Glory, O Word, to Your inexpressible condescension.

Apolytikion for Basil the Great in the First Tone

Your sound has gone forth into all the earth, which has received your word. Thereby you have divinely taught the Faith; you have made manifest the nature of all things that be; you have adorned the ways of man. O namesake of the royal priesthood, our righteous Father Basil, intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

Hymn of the Annunciation in the First Tone

Today is the beginning of our salvation and the revelation of the mystery before the Ages. The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin, and Gabriel proclaims the great grace. Therefore, with him let us cry out unto the Theotokos, "Hail, Rejoice, O highly favored one; the Lord is with you."

Σήμερον τῆς σωτηρίας ἡμῶν τὸ κεφάλαιον, καὶ τοῦ ἀπ' αἰῶνος μυστηρίου ἢ φανέρωσις· ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, Υἱὸς τῆς Παρθένου γίνεται, καὶ Γαβριὴλ τὴν χάριν εὐαγγελίζεται. Διὸ καὶ ἡμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ τῇ Θεοτόκῳ βοήσωμεν· Χαῖρε κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Third Tone

Now the Lord of all that is does undergo circumcision, in His goodness cutting off the sins and failings of mortals. He this day does give salvation unto the whole world; and the hierarch and bright daystar of the Creator now rejoices in the highest, Basil the wise and divine initiate of Christ.

FASTING THIS WEEK

This week we observe a strict fast on Thursday and the rest of the week we are fast free.



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We welcome you to the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church and are blessed that you have come to our worship service. We hope that this worship experience is both enlightening and inspirational. Each Sunday is the day in which we commemorate the Resurrection of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ. The Christian Orthodox Church is the Church of the Resurrection and we rejoice in the Lord's triumph over death.

If you are a visitor to our Parish we encourage you to follow the Divine Liturgy book to assist you in following the Liturgy. Please understand that the Christian Orthodox Church does not practice inter-communion with other Christian denominations. Though we may share a common belief in the Holy Trinity, our churches are not yet one in faith and practice. We believe that Holy Communion is not the means to Christian unity but it is in fact the fullest expression of that unity. We fervently pray for this unity as noted in every divine service of the Orthodox Church. Please do not approach for Holy Communion if you are not a baptized/chrismated Orthodox Christian. Feel free to contact Father Simon if you desire to learn more about the Christian Orthodox Church, the Church of the New Testament.

We would like to remind all Orthodox Christians to be spiritually prepared and in proper canonical standing with the Church in order to partake of the Holy Eucharist.

THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

Epistle Reader:

Prosfora: Enosis Touliaos

Usher Duty Team 4: Endy Carter, Vasili Semos, Harry Sinis

Greeters:

Coffee will be available in Cotros Hall following services

Epistle Reading - Colossians 2:8-12

Prokeimenon. First Tone. Psalm 48.3,1.

My mouth shall speak wisdom and the meditation of my heart shall bring forth understanding.

Verse: Hear this all you nations.

BRETHREN, see to it that no one makes a prey of you by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fulness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fulness of life in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of flesh in the circumcision of Christ; and you were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

Gospel Reading - Luke 2:20-21, 40-52

At that time, the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom; and when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the company they went a day's journey, and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintances; and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking him. After three days, they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions; and all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when they saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been looking for you anxiously." And he said to them, "How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" And they did not understand the saying which he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man.

VISITATION COMMITTEE

The following parishioners have requested visitation. Please contact them directly to schedule visitations. For address &/or contact information please check your parish directory or contact the office.

Alec Collis

Pat Bacopulos Cooper - contact Marianthe Pilcher for visiting arrangements

Edna Nichopoulos

Zoe Nickas

Presvytera Bess Vieron

Visitation Committee Volunteers for 2017

January: Nancy Tashie, Jan Futris & Tina Liollo

February: Vicki Hoover & family

March: Linda Nichols & Anne Schmitt

April: Cary Chiungos & Mary Katherine Taras

May: Demie Bitinis, Tricia Grantham & Emily Love

June: Despina Karas/Angela Tobias

July: Maria Moore & Diane Kavelaras

August: Stephanie Poplos & friend

September: Susanna Peters, Maria Apalodimas & Cathe Skefos

October: Sophie Theodore & Kristine Wagner

November: Connie Cotros, Loretta Taras & Tasia Vergos

December: Anastasia Terranova & Athena Jameson

Please contact Kristine Wagner if you would like to volunteer to be on the visitation committee.

THE LIVES OF THE SAINTS

On this the 1st day of the month of January, we commemorate the Circumcision of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia, Gregory, Bishop of Nanzianos, Father of Gregory the Theologian, Peter the New Martyr of the Peloponnesos, Theodotos the Martyr, Emmelia, Mother of Basil the Great, Gregory of Nyssa, Makrina, and Peter of Sebaste, Telemachos the Martyr, Fulgentius, Bishop of Ruspe and Righteous Theodosios of Triglia.

By their holy intercessions, O Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 1 Feast of St Basil the Great

- ◆ **Orthros** 8:45 am
- ◆ **Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great** immediately following Orthros
- ◆ **NO Sunday School or Nursery today**
- ◆ **Coffee** will be available in Cotros Hall after Divine Liturgy

Monday, January 2

- ◆ **Parish Closed**

Wednesday, January 4

- ◆ **Royal Hours** 9:00 am
- ◆ **Vespers Liturgy - Feast of the Epiphany** 6:00 pm
- ◆ **Service of the Blessing of the Waters** 7:30 pm

Thursday, January 5

- ◆ **Girl Scouts** 4:15 pm

Friday, January 6 Feast of Epiphany

- ◆ **Orthros/Divine Liturgy** 9:00 am
- ◆ **Service of the Blessing of the Waters** 11:00 am

Saturday, January 7 Feast of Saint John the Baptist/Vasilopita Sunday

- ◆ **Orthros/Divine Liturgy** 9:00 am
- ◆ **Blessing of the Waters at the Mississippi River** 12:00 pm

Sunday, January 8 Sunday after Theophany

- ◆ **Orthros** 8:45 am
- ◆ **Divine Liturgy** 10:00 am
- ◆ **Oath of Office of the 2017 Parish Council**
- ◆ **Nursery available** 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Sunday School** 11:00 am
- ◆ **Vasilopita Sunday** hosted by Elpis
- ◆ **Coffee Hour & Appreciation of the Choir** hosted by the Parish Council
- ◆ **DOP Board Meeting** 12:30 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Blessing of the Waters of the Mississippi River**, Saturday, January 7, 12:00 Noon at Greenline Park on Mud Island with Lunch at St. John immediately following.
- ◆ **St. Nicholas Winter Youth Retreat** - January 14-15. We are excited to announce that the Assumption Church in Louisville, KY has agreed to host this year's St. Nicholas Winter Youth Retreat on January 14-15. This retreat is open to all youth age 8-18. To register, download flier or download the retreat info packet, please visit www.detroit.goarch.org/winterretreat.
- ◆ **Fr. Vieron's Adult Greek Class** (14 week introduction to Greek Language & Culture) begins on Monday evening, January 16 at 6:30 pm. Please see Fr. Vieron for registration information.
- ◆ **Parish Council Meeting**, Monday, January 16, 6:15 pm in the Library

LITURGICAL DONATIONS

Father Simon is often approached by parishioners wanting to donate Liturgical items. If you would like to donate towards these items, the typical cost of each item is as follows:

Wine - \$25, Oil - \$20, Incense - \$10